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APPLICANT: NEUHOFFER, JR. - 16 PCT (RCE-3)  
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TITLE: COVERING DEVICE FOR FLOOR COVERINGS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN RCE**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Commissioner:

In advance of continued examination and in response to the Final Office Action dated August 17, 2010 and in response to the corresponding Advisory Action dated December 13, 2010, the period for response having been extended for one month or until December 17, 2010 by Petition and payment of the fee therefor, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 6 of this paper and include one (1) new sheet of drawings.

**Remarks/Arguments** which begin on page 7 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including the new drawing Figure is attached following page 14 of this paper.